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## HERE ARE ISSUES FOR STATE, U.S. CANDIDATES

The California State Labor League for Political Education, in a recent report to county LLPE groups, listed issues considered most vital to Labor in coming state and federal elections. These issues, in tabular form, are:

### STATE CANDIDATES

Candidates should give position on following issues:

(1) Secondary-boycott or "hot cargo" legislation.

(2) Anti-closed shop and anti-union shop legislation.

(3) Anti-featherbedding legislation.

(4) Collective bargaining rights for state and local government employees.

(5) Betterment of pay, hours, and working conditions for public school teachers of California.

(6) Extension of coverage and increasing of benefits under both unemployment insurance and disability insurance laws.

(7) Establishment of a \$40 per week maximum for Workmen's Compensation payments.

(8) Elimination of seven-day waiting period in Workmen's Compensation payment system.

(9) Elimination of California cross-filing system.

(10) Establishment of state Fair Employment Practices Commission.

(11) State rent control legislation.

(12) Establishment of prepaid public health insurance.

(13) State administration of programs to aid the needy aged and blind.

(14) Liberalization of the eligibility requirements for needy aged and blind pensions, including provision for cost of living increases.

(15) Elimination of the relatives' responsibility clause for needy aged and blind programs.

(16) Continuation of child care centers as long as need exists.

(17) Imposition of local option in liquor control.

(18) Elimination of state sales tax and other consumer taxes not based on ability to pay.

### FEDERAL CANDIDATES

Candidates should give position on following issues:

(1) Adequate labor representation at policy level in civilian mobilization effort.

(2) Adequate price controls.

(3) Adequate rent controls.

(4) Revision of tax structure to provide for higher excess profits and corporation taxes, steeper taxes on high income groups, no increase in excise taxes, and no federal sales tax.

(5) Recruitment of manpower for defense industries through voluntary means, with emphasis on existing public employment offices, military service deferments, wage incentive and training.

(6) Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

(7) Expansion of low-rent public housing.

(8) Extension of coverage and increase in benefits under social security programs.

(9) Establishment of Fair Employment Practices Commission.

(10) Establishment of pre-paid public health insurance program.

(11) Granting of federal aid to education.

(12) Elimination of illegal invasion from Mexico through efficient border control and punishment of employers who knowingly hire these people.

(13) Preservation of 160-acre limitation on the Central Valley Project.

(14) Settlement of Colorado River dispute between California and Arizona by United States Supreme Court.

## UNIONS PICK CARP. PARLEY DELEGATIONS

Unions affiliated with the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters have selected delegates to attend the California State Council of Carpenters convention in Los Angeles March 13-16.

The delegations will include the following:

From the district council — Leo Thiltgen, secretary.

From Monterey Local 1323 — Tom Eide, business agent; Leo Thiltgen and Henry Zimmerman.

From Salinas Local 925 — Harvey Baldwin, business agent, and Ivan Miller.

From Santa Cruz Local 829 — George Colby, business agent, and Bonde Neilsen.

From Watsonville Local 771 — No delegates.

From King City Local 1271 — Delegates not announced.

## Families on Relief Are Better Off, City Workers Claim

**MADISON, WIS. (LPA)** — A family on relief is better off than most of those who work for the city, the Council of City Employee Unions told the city council. The Dade county minimum budget for a family of four is \$3050.04 a year. Salaries paid by the city in nine classifications range from \$2228.40 to \$3086.40. Thus, the highest salary range is only \$36.36 above the relief budget, and the other eight classifications are below the relief budget, from \$107.64 in the eighth group to \$821.64 in the first group.

### 2 GUYS NAMED JOE



## Fish Industry Seeks Relief In Govt. Plea

Steps were taken last week by major groups interested in the Monterey sardine fishing industry to request government relief after a bad season in the form of government orders for squid, anchovies and herring packed locally.

The Fish Cannery Workers Union, the Fishermen's Union, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Boat Owners Assn., and fish canning plant operators combined to send an urgent appeal to the government, asking:

1. That a 12-month program be set up for government purchase of fish from Monterey plants.

2. That the government buy half million cases each of anchovies, squid and herring.

3. That the purchases be prorated among all plant operators.

4. That the Office of Price Stabilization set prices for the packed fish at current levels.

5. That the OPS set price ceilings for raw fish.

6. That restrictions on tin plate be lifted so that ample cans will be available for the fish ordered by the government.

All members of all unions in the Monterey area were asked to write Congressman Ernest K. Bramblett, Senator Richard Nixon and Senator William H. Knowland, urging them to work for the program as outlined.

There has been little work for the Monterey fish canneries in the past season and almost no sardines were found in local waters. The appeal is urging the government to create a market for what fish may be available in the Monterey Cannery Row plants, once making up the "sardine capital of the world."

Among those who signed the letters to the government urging the emergency relief program for the industry were Lester A. Caveny, business agent of the Fish Cannery Workers Union; John ("Brickie") Crivello, secretary of the Fishermen's Union; Horace Mercurio, head of the Boat Owners Assn., and others.

Meanwhile, with fishermen idle, the only work for fish cannery workers was at the California Packing Corp. plant where two label crews were operating a special machine which is cleaning and re-labeling cans of fish salvaged from last year's fire at the Westgate-Sun Harbor plant.

### PLUMBER-TEAMSTER

**MEMPHIS, (LPA)** — Lev Loring, for years business agent for the plumbers local here and president of the Memphis Trades & Labor Council, has become a special representative of the Teamsters' International.

## Labor Not Getting A Just Share in Production Gains

(AFL Release)

**Miami.** — The AFL Executive Council called upon the Wage Stabilizing Board to approve productivity pay increases to the nation's workers beyond the limits of the present wage formula.

The Executive Council emphasized that such increases are not inflationary because they result from higher production. The council said approval of the AFL wage plan would stimulate the entire defense production program.

### WILLING TO DO ITS SHARE

"American labor is willing to do its share in fulfilling the needs of our government in meeting the threat of Communist aggression," the council said in a formal statement.

"In doing this, however, it cannot accept restrictions on free collective bargaining which force labor to stand still while profits continue to rise and all other segments of our economy are permitted to share in the benefits of increased national productivity.

"Industry is constantly being given guarantees and inducements of all sorts to do its part, while labor is given little, if any, consideration."

The council acted after conferring here with Wage Stabilization Board Chairman Nathan Feinsinger.

## HEAVY WORK AT ORD DUE WITHIN MONTH

With clearing of the ground started last week, actual construction of the \$26,000,000 permanent barrack project at Fort Ord is expected to get under way within a month, union officials announced.

Laborers and carpenters were busy during the past two weeks in building field offices for the Dell E. Webb Construction Co., general contracting firm, and building construction shacks to house equipment and tools.

Union leaders said that they did not expect any extensive calls for men for three or four weeks. No report on the number of men sent to the project last week was made.

The project to be started by the Webb company calls for 38 barracks and other buildings at cost of more than \$12,600,000.

Those craftsmen wishing work on the Ord project were warned to contact the union offices in Monterey and not try to report directly to the job. The project is on government property and no one is admitted without an official pass.

## Good Attendance At Salinas Carp. Apprentice Meet

All but one member of the Salinas Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee showed up for last week's meeting which transacted a number of important routine matters, it was reported.

Present were Tom Mill, chairman, and Axel Carlsen, representing contractors; Russell Jeska, Virgil Francis and Harvey Baldwin, representing Carpenters Union 925; Earle H. Meyer, state apprentice representative, and C. I. Bentley, school representative. The meeting was held in Carpenters Union Hall.

and Elmer Walker, vice president of the International Association of Machinists, one of the AFL representatives on the board.

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## Carp. Council Drapes Charter For Bethards

Tribute was paid to the memory of Grover Bethards, prominent member of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey who passed away recently, at the meeting of Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters in Watsonville last week.

The council's charter was ordered draped as tribute to Bro. Bethards, one of the founders of the council and delegate from its inception until his death.

One resolution was adopted by the District Council for presentation at the State Council of Carpenters' convention next month by Leo Thiltgen, council secretary and convention delegate. The resolution urges limitation of sheet rock work by general contractors only, no sub-contractors.

Thomas Eide, business manager of Monterey Carpenters Local 1323, gave a brief report on negotiations for a northern California contract covering carpenter wages. He said the state negotiating committee will meet next in San Jose.

Council Secy. Leo Thiltgen was given high praise for his work in behalf of the council.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday night, March 11, at Santa Cruz Veterans Hall, with Santa Cruz Carpenters Union 829 as host.

Attending the next meeting will be a delegation from the Santa Clara Valley District Council of Carpenters, it was announced.

Visitors at the Watsonville meeting included Harold Buchter and Oris Wilson, of Local 771, according to Harvey Baldwin, council president.

## PAY DUES NOW, URGES SALINAS CARPENTERS 925

All members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 were urged this week to check and make sure that their dues are paid up for this quarter.

Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin pointed out that a number of members have become lax in payment of dues.

Under international union provisions, death benefits to the families of union carpenters are lost if the member is 90 days behind in dues. When the member gets six months behind in dues, he is suspended from membership.

## In Union Circles

Shirley Williams, pretty and efficient office manager for the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, was back on the job last Friday after a seige with pneumonia. She missed about 10 days of work to fight off the attack.

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Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey supplied workers for the Republican Party dinner last Thursday night—33 waitresses and a full complement of cooks, bus boys and dishwashers.

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Mildred Putman, office secretary for Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503 at Salinas, was back at work last week after a speedy vacation trip to Seattle with her husband.

## 42-Day Dispute Ends On Boston Waterfront

Boston, (LPA) — Ending a 42-day waterfront dispute which virtually crippled this port, AFL Longshoremen began unloading a cargo of canned pineapples from the Isthmian Line freighter Steel Flyer Jan. 15. They returned after CIO Marine Engineers agreed to stop picketing the ship in protest against organization of the line's employees by the AFL Seafarers' Union.

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## What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

Under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the State of California, if an employer or the insurance carrier refuses to furnish medical treatment or neglects to furnish medical treatment, then the employee can go out and choose his own doctor and collect from the employer or insurance carrier reasonable expenses which he incurred for treatment of his injury or injuries.

You might ask how is this done. It is that in a great many instances employers get the wrong idea that because a person had a disability previously he does not have to be compensated for a new injury which aggravated the old injury. Even if a person was born with a disability or even had a congenital condition, which implies that he was born with a disability, as long as the person did not suffer as a result of that disability but because of an injury sustained on the job the congenital disability became aggravated he is entitled to receive compensation.

In 1949, there was added to the Labor Code, of which the California Compensation Act is a part, that a person who was injured can be reimbursed for medical expenses such as doctors' reports and X-rays necessary to prove his claim. This is called litigation expense. It is a known fact that insurance companies choose doctors who, in most instances, minimize applicants' claims.

A person who is injured need not accept their opinion as being gospel and unbiased. He has a right to go out to his own doctor who might in turn refer him to a specialist who deals with the type of injury that he sustained, and the fee charged by the specialist is not paid out of the injured person's compensation but is payable by the employer and his insurance carrier. Another thing that is important to be known by all persons who sustain injuries while on the job is that if the insurance company arbitrarily fails to pay compensation within a reasonable time after the person has been injured they are subject to a penalty of 10 per cent for their failure to do so.

While I am on the subject matter of doctors, the Industrial Accident Commission accepts chiropractors and their reports; however, in 99 out of a 100 cases the insurance company uses doctors who are called specialists in the field of industrial injuries and it is hard to combat these specialists with the reports of chiropractors. My personal opinion is that when a person gets hurt he should first go to a doctor. This advice is being given as a protection to the injured person.

The only way to combat the medical testimony of the insurance company is to fight fire with fire and obtain a good doctor's report. Not all doctors who work for in-

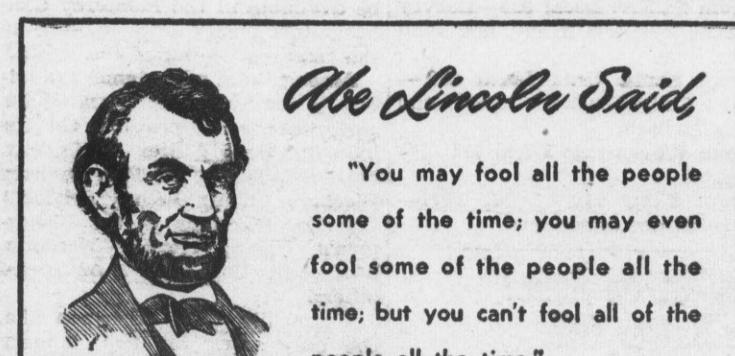
surance companies are opinionated. There are many who write unbiased reports. Of course, most of these doctors who do write unbiased reports sooner or later find that they do not receive further insurance work. In fairness to insurance companies, there are some companies who will hire only those doctors who give them unbiased reports.

Of interest to injured employees is the so-called penalty for serious and willful misconduct. This is not paid by the insurance company that covers the "boss," but is paid by the employer himself. First, let me explain to you what "serious and willful misconduct" is. An employer who permits an employee to work in a plant, or a given area of a plant, where he knows that the worker will undoubtedly sustain an injury because of the dangerous condition that exists where the employee works is guilty of serious and willful misconduct.

There are many examples that could be given of cases of that kind. Employers who permit employees to work at motors where proper guards are not placed at the motors, making it possible for the employee to lose a finger or an arm, would undoubtedly be subject to a penalty such as I have described. In the case of employees who work in granaries where dust particles fill the area in which the employee works, and the employer permits other employees to enter this area with a spark or any other operation which would ignite the dust particles and cause an explosion might also be subjected to a penalty. Places where sparks fly, or other objects, where the employer does not provide goggles or masks and gloves to eliminate these hazards would undoubtedly be guilty of serious and willful misconduct.

Now, it is natural for an employee to ask what happens when the employer is found guilty of this type of conduct. As I said before, they are subject to a penalty and the penalty is 50 per cent of all the compensation that is paid and all the compensation that may be due the individual by reason of permanent disability. Let me illustrate this: If an employer is subject to this penalty and a person were injured, the maximum under the Workmen's Compensation Act, which is \$35.00 per week in compensation, the employee, instead of receiving \$35.00 per week would receive \$52.50 per week because of the added penalty. Let us assume that a person sustains a permanent injury and that the permanent injury is rated by the Commission at \$3000. He would receive \$4500 instead of \$3000. WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?

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# Home of Famous California Rodeo



**TRAINS IN U.S.**—Edgar Jarrin, left, returned to his native Ecuador after completing a year's training as an auto mechanic in St. Louis and Toledo under a program laid out by the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the Machinists Union. He came to the U.S. under the Point Four program. He is shown above holding his certificate of completion. Center is E. E. Goshen, Dept. apprentice deputy, and James Poultin of the union. (LPA).

## Health Forms Are Now Available

(State Fed. Release)

The needed government form for reported health and welfare plans to the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington, D.C., is now available at all Wage and Hour Division offices in California, Arizona and Nevada.

The form titled WSB Form 501, is required by General Wage Regulation 19 and Resolution 78, the two orders dealing with health and welfare benefits.

All new plans or modifications of existing plans must be reported on this form to the Health and Welfare Committee, Wage Stabilization Board, Washington 25, D.C. The committee, which was established by the regulation, is a tripartite body made up of national board members.

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## CONSTRUCTION

(Digested from "Daily Pacific Builder," Jan. 14 to Feb. 13)  
TRAVIS Airbase, Suisun, elem. schl. bids due, \$1,100,000.

PALO ALTO Jr. High, Howard J. White, P.A., \$1,101,000.

SACRAMENTO Signal Depot, MacDonald, Young, Nelson and MK, \$3,784,700.

PALO ALTO elem. schl., E. A. Hathaway, S. Jose, \$1,196,000.

ALASKA, Elmendorf Airbase, Denali Const. Co., Seattle, \$2,108,000, auto maintenance.

VALLEJO water treat. plant, Walsh Const. Co., \$1,419,000.

SEATTLE, Boeing office bldg., Strand & Sons, \$3,215,000.

ALASKA, Kenai, Army Communications, bids due, \$4,000,000.

LOS GATOS, Lexington dam, bids due March, \$2,500,000.

ALASKA, Kodiak, transmitter, Johnson, Drake & Piper and Puget Sound Bridge Co., \$5,248,000.

FRESNO, jr. high, plans, \$1,300,000.

PORLTAND, Swan Island piers, Guy F. Atkinson, \$2,006,000.

N. SACRAMENTO, jr. high, Pacific Coast Bldrs., S.F., \$1,018,000.

RICHMOND, PHA housing proj., plans up, \$2,250,000.

FORT ORD, permanent troop facils., Del E. Webb Const. Co., L.A., block masonry, \$12,614,000; Robt. E. McKee, West L.A., concrete, \$13,281,000.

LATHROP, Sharpe Gen. Depot, Tracy Annex, warehouses, The Four Companies (Barret & Hilp, Theo. G. Meyer, Macco, Chas. L. Harney), \$8,435,000.

ALASKA, Elmendorf Airbase, conv. barracks, Valle Sommers, Seattle, \$2,128,000.

ANTIOCH, highway Pittsburg to Antioch, Peter Kiewitt Sons, Arcadia, \$2,516,000.

DALLES Dam, Ore., Columbia River cofferdam, power house ext., S. A. Healy Co., White Plains, N.Y., \$4,888,000.

WALLA WALLA, highway, rail relocation, bids in March, \$1,000,000.

BERKELEY, Ashby freeway, plans up, \$15,000,000.

LOS ANGELES, Holly, freeway, Bongiovanni Co., Hollywood, \$2,274,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Permanente Hospital, Geary, O'Farrell, plans up, \$2,300,000.

CHIEF JOSEPH Dam, Bridgeport, Wash., \$50,000,000, bids due March 12. Have taken out plans: Dixon, Eichleau, Noble, Kaiser, Gerwick, Walsh, American Pipe, Steel Const., Lord, Kiewit, Consolidated Bldrs., Donovan, Condon-Cunningham, Arundel, Ryan, E. J. Albrecht, Hunkin-Conkey, Brown & Root, L. B. Foster.

BOULDER CANYON Proj., pipe lines, etc., R. V. Lloyd, Coachella, \$1,598,000.

The Cost of Living Index rose by one point to 130 on December 11th in Britain. This is an increase of 14 points in a year. Basis of the index is a level of 100 in mid-1947.

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## 'Industry's Welfare State'

Big business rants and raves because a nickel or so out of every dollar of the federal budget is spent on social welfare. That means such things as old age pensions, aid to education, housing and health.

That's bad, says Big Business. It will lead us, Big Business says, to something it calls the Welfare State and "Socialism."

But Big Business never says anything about the help and services which American industrialists and businessmen get from the government.

Fortune magazine, a distinctly anti-Fair Deal organ, calls it "Industry's Welfare State."

Federal aid to business, Fortune points out, consists of such things as protecting waterfront property, issuing bank statistics, building highways, protecting bank deposits, insuring mortgages, subsidizing shipbuilders and airlines, protecting trademarks, supplying maps and giving advice on trade trends.

All 9 of the government's executive departments and 20 of its 49 major agencies help U. S. business.

Why is aid to school children and old people frightful, and aid to bankers and manufacturers wonderful?

## AMA Switches Position

The American Medical Association leads the fight against compulsory national health insurance.

It believes that voluntary insurance can protect people against the cost of doctor and hospital bills although voluntary plans pay for only 12 per cent of the nation's health costs.

But back in 1934, the AMA got out a statement on voluntary health insurance which said:

"Without some form of compulsion, voluntary insurance fails of its objective of distributing the cost of sickness among large classes of the population with even approximate fairness."

"Sickness insurance cannot distribute the burden of sickness among the low-income classes unless it is compulsory."

## Use Korea Labor Here?

One of the most fantastic proposals ever heard in the field of labor was presented on February 14 by H. W. (Hank) Strobel, secretary of the Associated Farmers, when he announced that talks have been held with Younghan Choo, South Korean consul in San Francisco, on the possibility of importing Koreans to work on California farms.

This proposal compares roughly in brashness and selfish blindness with the classic of Queen of Louis XIV when she heard people couldn't get bread: "Let them eat cake." It illustrates plainly just how far away from common sense and humanity and how dangerously absurd that men long wealthy and long with a whip over obliging workers can get.

Strobel is the swaggering agent of California's immensely wealthy banker-farmers, whose fortunes on vast, industrialized farms were born in the "Grapes of Wrath," one of the last remaining and most vicious sweatshops in American labor history. With organization of many workers under the Farm Labor Union, forcing semi-decent wages and hours, and with a labor beef that even the kept daily press could hardly ignore, these booted, gun-totin, Cadillac land barons have turned to imported Mexican workers for cheap labor.

Their connivance on quotas and their cruel exploitation of the ignorant, miserable wetbacks has again drawn a hot, bright beam of publicity; however, and so now comes the Korean proposal, which they hope to sell the public by saying it would help to "relieve us of part of the cost of taking care of these people" in Korea.

Strobel is buddy-buddy with our "Senator from Formosa," Knowland, and it is quite apparent California's ruling families have never forgotten the immense wealth garnered from Chinese coolie labor when Southern Pacific rode roughshod into control of the state. Knowland and Taft have a suspiciously large concern for the Chinese and no doubt are sorely vexed that this tremendous pool of slave labor has been shut off for the time being.

Here is another valuable lesson to American labor on why it pays to be organized and stay organized to combat exploitation, the disease of greed. Here also is warning to all Americans that cruel, Gestapo Hitlerism feeds on unlimited wealth and monopoly cartels, which stand today as an indictment of American "Democracy" around the globe.



## • Peace Versus Profits . . .

Watch the stock and commodity market reports for the real news on world peace prospects. The last attack of peace jitters brought the worst drop in stock prices in two months. These declines indicate brighter prospects for the settlement of the Korean war.

## • We Can't Spare Him . . .

A great man passed away with the death of Harold Ickes, President Roosevelt's long-time Interior Secretary. In his last column, Mr. Ickes had this to say about corruption: "Let the Democrats and Republicans alike cauterize their noisome sores lest each be overcome by the stench of their own corruption." The American people may well agree.

## • Fraud by Businessmen . . .

The enormity of the grain storage fraud cases is gradually coming to light. It is still impossible to tell how many millions of taxpayers' dollars have been siphoned off by the operators of the grain storage warehouses for their own benefit. These men converted your property to their profit by selling the very products they were being paid to store.

## • Whinnyburgers for Sale!

If you are riding Old Paint out Chicago way, pardner . . . better keep a good grip on the reins—somebody is liable to eat him. The restaurant and retail meat dealers in Chicago complain that an ever widening horsemeat scandal is putting a crimp in their business. Seems they pay good money for beef . . . and sometimes they get horsemeat instead. Restaurant officials declined to estimate how many whinnyburgers were being eaten each day in Chicago.

## Listen to Frank Edwards on MBS

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## JOKEs, Etc.

For unadulterated whimsicality, we take you now to an Indian Reservation. Rigor mortis had set in for Chief Shortcake.

His brother chiefs came to his tepee and offered to defray all the burial expenses. But the squaw squawked. What did she say?

"Squaw bury Shortcake."

Speaking of guts, there were the two skeletons caught in a dangerous situation. Said one: "If we had any g's we'd get out of here."

The tragedy of illegitimacy hovered over a family in an Eastern city. The mother of seven children had been dead many years when the father looked down at them around the table, and said, "Now that all of you are grown up, and over twenty-one, I can confess to you something that has disturbed me all these years, and I haven't had courage to tell you. Your mother and I never married."

There were cries of "Oh, father, no!" and "How could you?"

The father's words placed a damper on their spirits and there was a period of silence. It was broken by Grace, the youngest.

Looking around the table, she exclaimed, "Well, I don't know what the rest of you bastards are going to do, but I'm going to the movies."

Mrs. O'Malley had a good line, but got her phrases mixed now and then: "Shre, 'tis like water on

a duck's back . . . in one ear and out the other."

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A six-year-old boy greeted his dad one night with these startling words, "Dad, I'm going to marry Mary Ann tomorrow."

"The little girl across the street? Why she's only five years old. What are you going to do about children?" replied the father, holding back his laughter.

"Oh, Mary Ann and I have talked it over," explained the boy. "Every time she lays an egg, we're going to step on it."

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Mama Broom was knitting tiny straws when Papa Broom came in. "We're gonna have a little whisk broom, dear."

"How is that possible?" growled Papa Broom. "We were only married yesterday and we haven't swept together yet."

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"I bet I got the collie."

"You mean the colic."

"I don't either. A colic is when your hair won't stay down."

"That's a cowlick."

"I thought a cowlick was a big hunk of salt they put in a pasture."

"Maybe it is, but you don't mean a collie. A collie is a dog."

"That's what I says, I'm dog-tired."

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Prominent businessman was confined to a hospital for several weeks. He received royal attention from a colored orderly, and on the day of departure he repaid this service handsomely.

Overwhelmed and in search of suitable words of appreciation, the old fellow said, "We are gonna miss you-all around here, Mr. Walker. You sho does take a good enema."

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## Union Men Urged To Interest Wives In Political Action

Washington. (LPA) — Pointing out that there are more women than men of voting age in the U.S., Eastern Labor Press Conference urged male union members to see that the women in their families register and vote in the November election.

ELPC said the women's vote "is a key to victory" in electing a liberal Congress this year. "Victory or defeat in the coming elections," ELPC said, "can easily hinge upon whether the great army of male trade unionists will take the time and trouble to talk up political education among their wives, mothers, mothers-in-law and daughters."



IT'S MARIE AGAIN — Much film exposed on this gal, Marie Wilson, new angles on the curves. (LPA)



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

The families of deceased veterans, including those who died in service, may be entitled to benefits under the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act.

These amendments continue provisions which permitted payment of family benefits in cases where the veteran died within three years after his discharge. The new law provides a social security wage credit of \$160 for each month of military service during World War II. These credits are given to all servicemen whether they have social security numbers or not and regardless of their past employment.

Widows and children of servicemen may be entitled to benefits until the children become 18. The children may qualify even though the widow has remarried. Parents who were dependent on the servicemen may also qualify for benefits.

It is not necessary that a living veteran take any action to get credit for his military service. When he files a claim for old-age benefits or when his survivors file for their benefits, the veteran's discharge or an official record of the period of his service is sufficient to establish his service wage credit.

The families of deceased servicemen or veterans should contact their nearest social security office if they have not done so. Proof of dependency of a parent of a deceased serviceman or veteran must be filed before the second anniversary of the death.

Widows and children also may lose some monthly benefits if their claims are not filed promptly, because a claim cannot be effective for more than six months before the date of filing.

## Ike, the Coy Candidate

Washington. (LPA) — Terming Dwight D. Eisenhower "the coy candidate" for the Republican Presidential nomination, the United Mine Workers Journal said "What the people want are some answers to burning questions of the day. What are Eisenhower's views on the NAM-Taft-Hartley act, on social security, on the stabilization program, on civil liberties, on taxation, on the farm program and on coal mine safety—just to cite a few vital matters on which people demand enlightenment."

It said that Eisenhower's past speeches were "generalities" and added: "Now that the general is a more or less avowed candidate, let's hear from him. The nation isn't going to elect a spinx and the phrase 'I like Ike' is hardly a campaign platform."

## Germicide Claims Curbed by FTC

Jackson, Miss. (LPA) — The makers of Cole's Pine Oil Disinfectant will stop claiming that: It is effective against most disease-producing bacteria; is more effective than carbolic acid as a germicide; is non-toxic; keeps homes germ-free; that in any concentration less than disinfectant strength it will disinfect toilet bowls or any other articles. The firm has agreed to halt those claims, by stipulation with the Federal Trade Commission.

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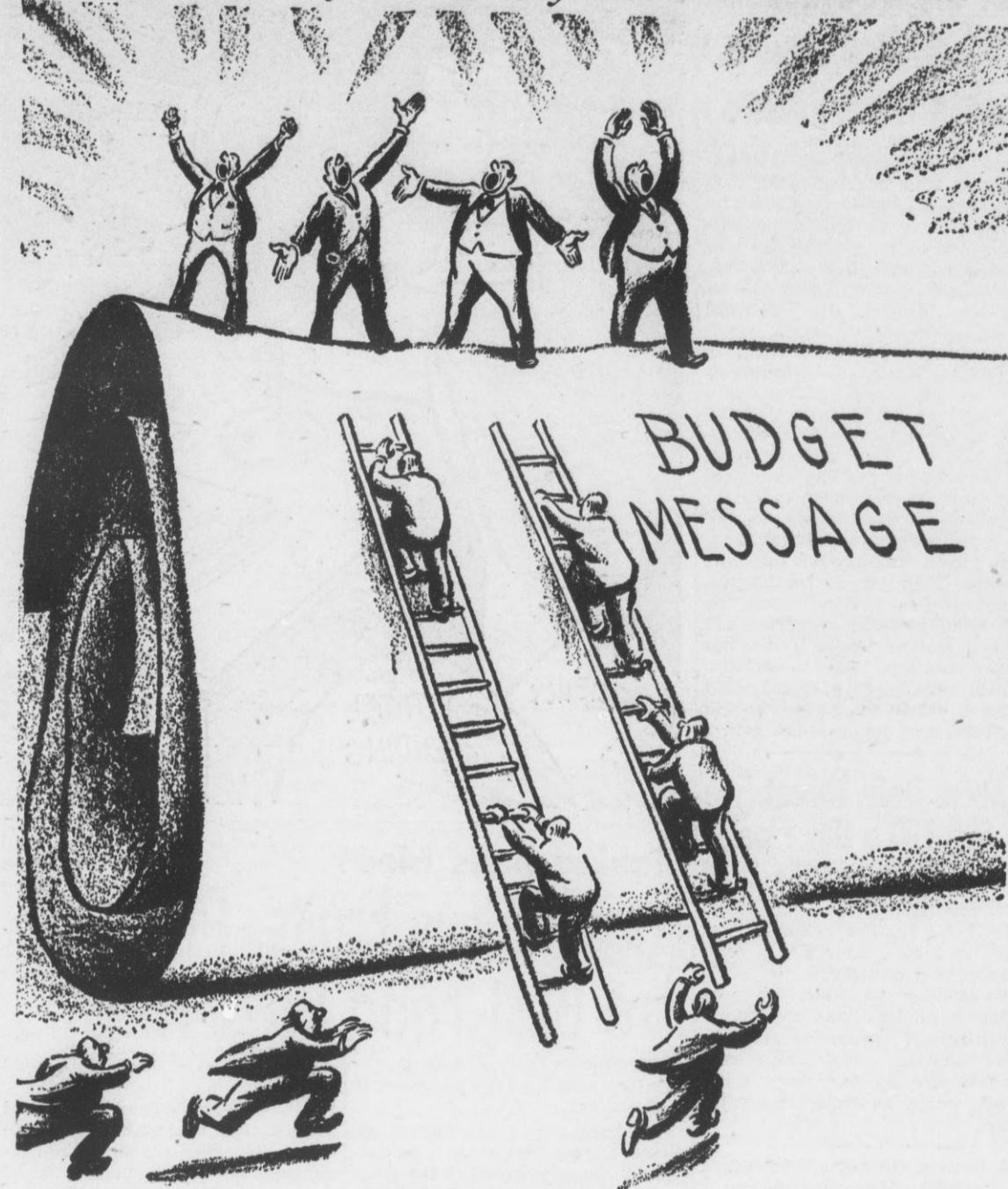
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## Utah Miners Strike To Get Company Doctor Fired

Dragerton, Utah, (LPA)—Some 1600 striking United Mine Workers voted unanimously to continue their shutdown of steel industry-owned mines in Carbon and Emery counties until the companies fire Dr. Frank V. Colombo as mine physician.

The men walked out Jan. 23 when the companies insisted on retaining the doctor, who was fired from the UMW Welfare & Retirement Fund last September "because of certain practices and the size of fees collected from the Fund for minor services."

Local union officials said they felt "the members are entitled to a medical doctor in whom they have the fullest confidence before they subject themselves to the hazards involved in the coal mining industry." They said the strike would go on despite warnings from Washington that the walkout is a violation of the existing contract and may subject the local to damage suits.

The struck mines are owned and operated by U.S. Steel Corp. and Kaiser Steel Co. Company officials said a prolonged strike would force closure of their steel plants in the area.

## Gets Tagged Bass

Ed Busalak, Oakland sportsman, beat the 750-to-1 odds against landing a tagged striped bass, but still had to explain to his friends that it was an accident.

Busalak is chairman of the migratory fish committee of the Associated Sportsmen of California, which ardently supports the Department of Fish and Game fish tagging program.

Biologist Alex Calhoun said Busalak's striper had been tagged last March in the San Joaquin river, near Pittsburg, probably spent the summer in the ocean and had returned to the Delta for the winter.

## Fresno, Calif., Test Area For OPS Price Posting

Fresno, Calif.—Posting of community food prices, a program long advocated by labor, was tested here recently, along with two other cities in the nation, Fargo, N.D., and Jacksonville, Fla. Under a new OPS Community Food Pricing Program, similar to the one in effect during World War II, Fresno's 451 grocers posted price charts listing dollars-and-cents ceiling prices for more than 400 basic food items.

### REVISIONS EVERY 2 WEEKS

Posting of price charts marked the first time since controls went into effect more than a year ago that homemakers could walk into a grocery store and see the official price ceilings on food by brand name and package size. New charts with revised ceilings will be issued every two weeks. Price changes okayed by OPS during two-week periods will be marked on the chart by the merchant.

"Fresno unions welcome this program," said Chester H. Cary, secretary of the Fresno Labor Council. "It gives the consumer the opportunity to which she is entitled—an opportunity to check the price ceilings on food, the number one item in the American family budget."

Women representing many union auxiliaries attended a 2-hour community mass meeting at which OPS officials explained the new pricing system. Ten members of the Fresno County Women's Council, AFL, headed by Mrs. Ruby Ward, president, are assisting OPS in publicizing the program.

### CAN SELL FOR LESS

OPS explained that "community pricing" means that dollars-and-cents ceiling prices are established on a community-wide basis for each food listed on the charts. The price is the same in all stores of the same class in the community. The merchant can sell for less, but not more than the official ceiling.

Joseph L. McKenna, OPS district director, said Fresno was one of the 3 cities chosen for the experiment "because this city is typical

## Chemical Workers In Valley Victory

(State Fed. Release)

The AFL Chemical Workers Union won another collective bargaining election in the San Joaquin Valley last week when it polled the majority vote at the S. A. Kemp cotton compress plant in Kawelo, a small settlement near Bakersfield.

Despite an intensive organizing effort, the Bridges-Goldblatt International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union failed to obtain needed membership pledges and thus could not qualify for the ballot.

The Chemical Workers' triumph marks the third consecutive victory over the Bridges-Goldblatt effort to shift ILWU activities inland from California waterfronts.

Having won the election, the Chemical Workers were to meet with the Kemp management this week for negotiation of wages, hours, and conditions of work. The Kawelo plant normally employs about 100 workers.

### GREEK GUILD

New York, (LPA)—Employees of Atlantis, Greek language daily, have voted 11 to 2 for the Newspaper Guild as their bargaining agent.

# "CAN YOU PAY?" DOCTOR ASKS BABY'S MOTHER

(AFL Release)

Norton, Va.—When the mother of a dying baby asked a doctor here to travel 8 miles to her home to treat the infant, he asked if she was able to pay him.

The mother, Mrs. Richard Hazelwood of Hopkins Chapel community, said she did not have the money. Then she set out on foot on a wind-swept mountain trail for a Norton hospital with the 7-month-old baby. A whimpering 2-year-old child tagged along beside her. The baby, sick with pneumonia, died shortly after arrival at the hospital.

Later the Wise County Medical Society cleared the doctor of blame in connection with the baby's death. The county medical society is part of the American Medical Association, which is fighting national health insurance. Health insurance would help people like Mrs. Hazelwood to pay medical bills.

Dr. E. J. Benko, Wise County, commented, it is "customary to inquire into the financial status of a patient. If a doctor gets stuck, he's a damn fool."

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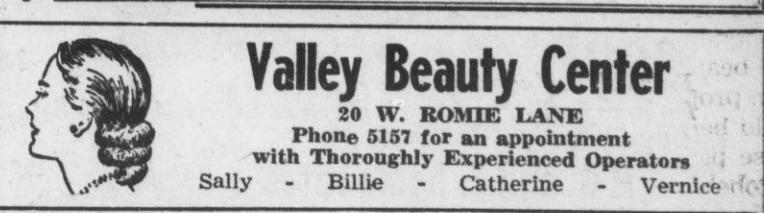
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# LABOR EDUCATION DAY -- MINNEAPOLIS

**Minneapolis**—A novel experiment in labor education, which may set a pattern for communities throughout the nation, will be tried out here April 28.

That day has been set aside by the local school board as Labor Education Day. The children will get the day off to let their 3000 teachers go to school and learn about organized labor's philosophy, history, objectives, and policies.

## CHAMBER BACKS PLAN

The program has been arranged by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, in cooperation with the school board and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL. Their plan was recently presented to the AFL Executive Council as an idea possibly worth sponsoring in other cities.

Surprising enough, the Junior Chamber of Commerce here also is supporting the Labor Education Day, which will alternate each year with a Business Education Day, on which the teachers will be given background information on the aims and objectives of the private enterprise system.

In discussing the plan, John M. Eklund, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said:

"The American Federation of Labor maintains the position that all the agencies of the community—business, labor, church, and government—can and should cooperate in aiding the schools and school administrations in revitalizing and enriching the school program.

## PROTEST ONE-SIDED VIEWS

"We protest the attempted presentation of one-sided views on controversial questions in the schools. That is educationally and socially unsound.

"Some great traditions in American life have never been adequately covered in our school curricula. Notably, one of those areas

is the history and philosophy of the American trade union movement.

"No child can meet the problems of the modern world without a clear understanding of the aims and purposes of free trade unions. Teachers cannot impart a well-rounded education to students unless they have a good background of information on labor matters."

## Frank Edwards Is U.S. Award Winner

(State Fed. Release)

AFL news programs featuring Frank Edwards are now being heard on 150 radio stations from New York to California, with Alaska being the latest territorial addition.

Edwards recently won the Radio Critics Award as being one of the country's three best broadcasters. The other winners were Lowell Thomas and Edward R. Murrow.

The Edwards AFL evening radio broadcast schedule for California follows:

Los Angeles	KHJ	10:15 M thru F
Los Angeles	KFMV	7:00 M thru F
Sacramento	KXOA	10:15 M W F
San Diego	KGB	10:15 M W F
San Francisco	KFRC	10:15 M thru F

## CAN YOU STOP?

California law specifies that automobile brakes must be capable of bringing the car to a complete stop within certain distances at various speeds. A motor vehicle going 20 miles per hour should come to a complete stop within 37 feet; at 45 m.p.h., within 188 feet. This applies when driving on dry asphalt or concrete surface where the grade does not exceed 1 per cent. Are your brakes good enough to make these stops?

Be saving, but not at the cost of all liberality. Have the soul of a king and the hand of a wise economist.—Joubert.

## Tax on Wetbacks, Paid by Bosses, Is Urged by Union

**Delano, Calif.** (LPA)—Tax the employers of wetbacks—illegal immigrants from Mexico being paid starvation wages—instead of enacting a sales levy. That's the proposal to the City Council here by the Delano local of the AFL National Agricultural Workers of America, formerly the National Farm Labor Union.

The local said income needed by the city could be obtained by a levy on all illegal aliens found employed or harbored in Delano, paid by the employer or harbinger. This, said Int'l. Rep. William Becker, would allow the city to collect from the people whose traffic in illegal aliens adds much to the city's operating costs and takes income from tax-paying residents who lose their jobs to the illegals.

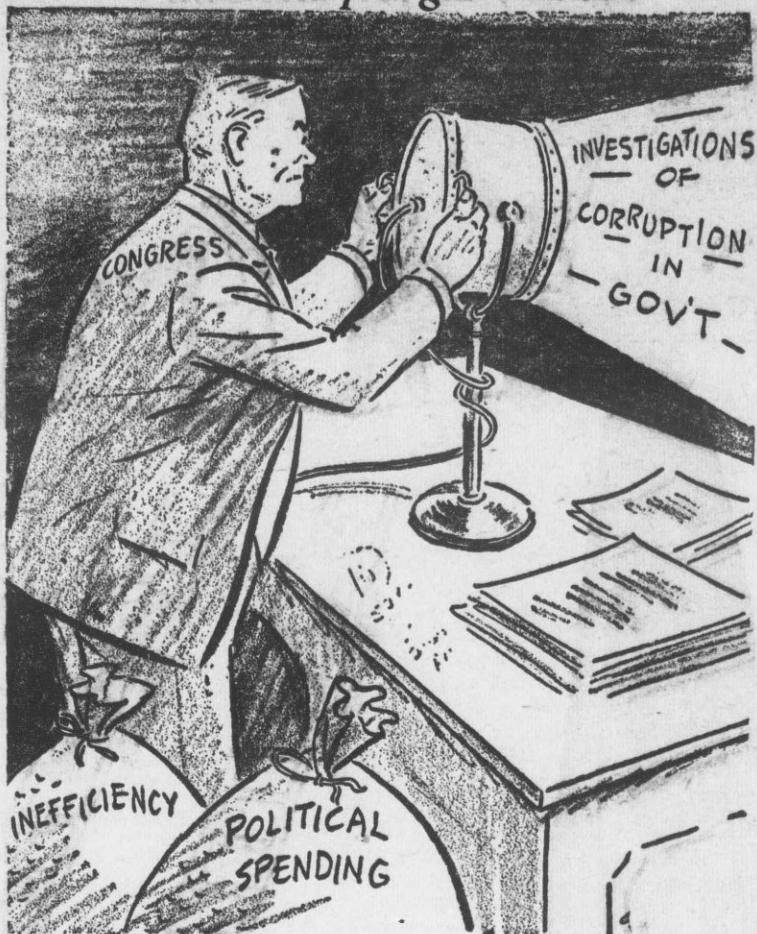
The illegals pay no taxes, he said, and what they can spare out of their meager wages is sent out of the country. The union also pointed out that its proposal would make it easier for Delano to aid in cleaning up the wetback evil.

## Strikers Defy Threat Of \$10,000 a Day Fine

**Miami** (LPA)—Defying threat of a \$10,000 a day state fine, 750 AFL bus drivers went on strike here Feb. 1. The walkout was voted at 3 a.m. after a city commission recommendation of a 14-cents-an-hour pay increase was turned down by Miami and Miami Beach transit companies. Management offered 4 cents. Union leaders felt sure the fine, were it imposed, would be held unconstitutional.

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## Turn the Spotlight Around



## Making Ends Meet

# Eggs, Citrus Fruits, Pork Are Best Food Buys Today

Eggs, citrus fruits and pork feature the best buys on the current food market.

Wholesale egg prices usually go down during February. As expected, the eggs reaching the market continue to exceed the demand.

In New York City, holdings were 50,000 cases over what they were at the same time last year. Eggs are the cheapest, at wholesale, that they have been since June 1950.

Citrus fruit costs are 25 to 40 per cent lower than a year ago, and this should be reflected in the over-the-counter situation.

Florida citrus growers are faced with the largest crop to market in history. This is explained as due to piling up of stocks for concentrate purposes beyond the demands of the processors.

Also affecting the fresh fruit market is the arrival of fruits from overseas. Peaches, nectarines, honeydews and pears have come from Chile. Watermelons are here from Cuba.

The 1951 spring pig crop was 7 per cent larger than last year. Prices to growers are therefore substantially lower than in 1951.

## STEWING CHICKEN

Poultry is a good substitute for high-cost meats. This is especially true of stewing chicken, which contains a larger proportion of meat than the more popular broilers and fryers.

The fowl is an older bird, less tender than broilers and fryers, and must be cooked in water or steam. But you can usually get more servings, and use it in a wide variety of food combinations.

## NEW DRUG LABELS

All drugs for human use will be divided into two classes beginning April 26, those restricted to use only by prescription and those that need not be limited in distribution.

"The new regulations," declared George Lerrick, associate food and drug commissioner, "will establish control not only over the barbiturates, commonly called sleeping tablets, but also over the whole area of drugs used in self-treatment of venereal diseases.

"It will also operate to shield foolish women who use a potent drug to reduce instead of pushing away from the table."

## SWEATER PROBE

The Federal Trade Commission has broadened its investigation of brushed rayon "torch sweaters" to include other garments made of

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At our last regular meeting in Salinas, the new officers were seated. They are as follows: Kenneth Sinkey, president; William G. Kenyon, secretary-treasurer, and Ed Peterson, recording secretary.

### CONTRACTS

The lumber industry contract was settled with 7c per hour increase which was all that the board allowed under the Wage Stabilization.

The tire shop industry was also settled.

### ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS

Remember, that at your next regular meeting March 6 at the Moose Hall in Salinas, and March 13th at the Carpenters Hall, Monterey, all members are invited to bring their husbands and wives to the meeting. If you are a male member, be sure to bring your wife; and all women members are urged to bring their husbands. At the regular meeting in Salinas, we hope to have Will Hayes, candidate for Congress, to speak—it should be interesting, and we hope to have a good turnout so that all members can meet him.

Be sure and register so that you may be able to vote.

**Dont' Forget**—P.V. Bread drivers ARE NOT MEMBERS of this Union. Please refrain from buying any bakery goods from these drivers that deliver from door to door.

The following gas stations, tire shops and taxi cab companies are union, and we should patronize these firms:

Yellow Cab Co., Salinas 7337; Black & White Cab Co., Salinas 5565; Checker Cab Co., Monterey 5-5141; Regal Petroleum Co., 44 John St., Salinas; Les Thompson, 214 E. Alisal St., Salinas; J. C. Chitwood (Texaco), 739 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan and Monterey, Salinas; Chandler's Mohawk Station, 601 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Harry Rhodes Service Station, John and Front Sts., Salinas; Johnny Nuvo's Associated Station, 298 Del Monte, Monterey; Sears Gas Station, Valley Center, Salinas; Firestone Stores, Monterey and E. San Luis, Salinas; Dale's Serve Yourself, Monterey and Alisal Sts., Salinas; Salinas Truck Terminal, 101 Highway South, Salinas; Moschel Oil Co., 101 Highway South, Salinas; Sid & Lopez Station, 202 E. Market, Salinas; Don Huitt Tire Co., 303 Pajaro St., Salinas; Tom Wren (Norwalk), 555 W. Market and Monterey, Salinas; Dugan's Service Station, 801 E. Market, Salinas; Lamar Bros., E. Market and Monterey, Salinas; K. Hackett Station, 138 E. 101 Highway, Salinas.

### REMEMBER THE RED CROSS DRIVE (This year it will be a one-day drive)

At our last regular meeting, the following were appointed as a "Committee for the Sick": Erin McDaris and Geraldine Faulkner, employed at Dempsey Hudson Co.; rest yourselves for the coming season.

Clarence Horton, employed at Sears and Louis Serafin. We are sure that this committee will do a splendid job, doing little things which are always so appreciated, for members who are ill.

On the sick list this week: Carmen Santana, an employee at Dempsey Hudson, is home now convalescing after an appendectomy. We hope Sister Santana will be feeling well again and back to work before long. Paul Criger is still at the County Hospital, but we are glad to report he is getting along better. Brother Criger has had ten blood transfusions, and we hope that members of this union will help his family and friends replace the blood to our local blood bank.

We regret to report that Brother Frank Rios of Hollister passed away recently at a local hospital. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

### SPIEGL FARMS STUFF

The rattle of the gears, the clicking of the knives and the hissing of the steam suddenly and abruptly stopped at Spiegls this week . . . the thump of the last carrot off the belt was echoed by the floorlady's traditional cry: "That's all, girls." An audible sigh swept down the line, after which there was a two-second period of absolute quiet broken only by the thumping and scurrying of little feet hurrying off to gather coats and purses prior to beating a hasty departure . . . with heads bowed and tears welling into all eyes the girls filed out the door . . . several weeks of lonesome sitting at home . . . several weeks without the usual homely companionship—chit chat, gossip, rumors . . . several weeks before the beautiful white smoke would billow forth from the boiler-room stacks signalling the fact that luscious vegetables were awaiting their turn to issue forth unto the processor to issue forth unto the processing belts . . . and the tears rolled down the cheeks.

Dry your tears, girls . . . here's a word of comfort—your place on the line will be thoroughly scraped, steamed and washed for you . . . all the little bearings will be tenderly greased and given a well-deserved rest . . . the big wheels and little wheels oiled and rubbed down . . . and your knife carefully oiled and packed away in cotton to await your return.

Cheer up, girls . . . the broccoli is right now shooting its little arms up toward the sun . . . the carrots digging their roots firmly into the rich Salinas Valley topsoil . . . the sprouts are sprouting and the peaches peaching . . . and you really should see the little seed beans that are ready to pop into the fertile soil and make just lots of big beautiful Fordhooks for the coming season.

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## US Acts to Curb Construction of 'Luxury Homes'

Washington. (LPA) — The government has moved, tentatively, to curb the building of so-called luxury homes. Acting to save copper and steel, the National Production Authority and the Housing and Home Finance Agency issued a proposed order which, in effect, would limit new homes to 1500 square feet of floor space.

"Middle income" homes at present range from about 900 to 1200 square feet. Better homes in the bracket may reach 1500 square feet, but above that they are considered in the luxury class. NPA officials wanted a flat 1500 square feet limit on all single family homes, but HHFA Administrator Raymond F. Foley vetoed that plan, opposed by builders.

Details of the proposed order, which, among other things, would put a limit of 1½ bathrooms to a house, were sent to members of NPA's Construction Industry Advisory Committee. They'll meet here Feb. 11 to discuss the regulations and recommend possible changes.

Meanwhile, a house banking sub-committee opened an investigation into charges that "defective" homes have been approved under government loan guarantee programs. Foley testified that performance records show the vast majority of the Federal Housing Administration's 5000 employees are "competent, conscientious and honest." They are, he said, on the whole, carrying out "basically sound" procedures to guard against shoddy housing obtaining FHA mortgage insurance.

In most cases of "justifiable complaints" by home purchasers, FHA field offices have been able to work out satisfactory adjustments with the builder, said FHA Commissioner Franklin D. Richards. After getting "background" from officials here, the sub-committee moves to various sections of the country for on-the-spot hearings.

Under the proposed order cutting the amount of structural steel, copper piping and wiring, and plumbing fixtures permitted, homes would be limited to one fully equipped bathroom and a "powder room" with basin and toilet. Construction of beach cottages and other "seasonal or temporary" buildings would be curtailed.

season.

Chin up . . . pip pip . . . it's not good-bye, just au revoir . . . see you every Thursday at the unemployment office. . . \*

### MORE SPIEGL STUFF

Minnie Chicou is off to Oakland again to inspect another new grandchild . . . and while she is gone, Emile is batching and cooking on the front burner.

Paul Pierce and J. D. Sullenger welcomed another income tax deduction this month.

Back to work off sick list: Ramona Armenta, Heywood Simpson, "Jungle Jim" Palma.

Add to sick list: Hettie Patton, Willie Ferrante, Manuel Rodriguez, Henrietta Carter.

Injured in action: Ruth Johnson, Boyd Crider, Joe Vierra.

Missing: Jess Alvarado, Carmen Armendariz (just plain disappeared from the face of the earth).

Back from trips: Ricardo Guerro, Lottie Hatchett, Vicky Castellanos. Due to some confusion and doubts, pregnancies will no longer be tabulated or reported.

Chas. Diaz has opened a shoe shop right downtown . . . he'll welcome your patronage.

Claude Thomas bought his television set in Los Angeles, because—he says, "the sets down there seem to get more stations."

For the fifth year in Britain, the National Coal Board is offering 100 university scholarships in mining engineering and allied subjects.

## \$3 Weekly Pay Hike Won by AFL Building Service Wkrs. in N.Y.

New York (LPA) — The AFL Building Service Employees Union has won a \$3 weekly pay raise, retroactive to Jan. 1, for 12,000 workers employed in more than 1,000 Manhattan office buildings.

The agreement was reached in negotiations with the Realty Advisory Board on Labor Relations, Inc., representing the owners of the buildings.

Union officials said they expect some 200 independent building operators to sign a similar contract for an additional 3,500 service workers.

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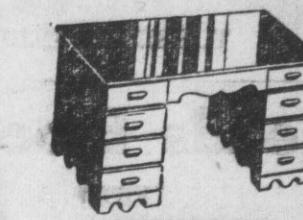
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# Labor News

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1952

## Heads Blood Campaign



Pictured above is Sgt. Christopher Henry, named honorary chairman of the 1952 American Red Cross Fund Drive, Salinas Valley Chapter.

Sgt. Henry, of 1021 Acosta St., Alisal, received 99 blood transfusions when he was injured in Korea. He has been cited for the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism in action.

The 1952 American Red Cross fund drive quota is \$39,366. The Salinas Valley Chapter will make

### 125,200 Tons, Sardines

Terminal Island.—The landing of 8,979 tons of sardines at California ports during the month of December brought the seasonal total to 125,000 tons through December 31, according to reports from canners and processors to the Department of Fish and Game.

None were landed in San Francisco, and the 734 tons received at Monterey plants were trucked in from Southern California piers.

The Monterey and San Francisco districts season ended January 15. Fishing in the Southern California district closed February 1—finishing one of the gloomiest seasons in the state's sardine fishing history. Landings have been fluctuating in a downward spiral since 1941 when more than 630,000 tons were received.

### Banks Did Fine In 1951 But Still Moan About Taxes

New York (LPA)—The nation's banks did quite well in 1951, despite steep tax increases, but they insist the tax laws are unfair.

Officials of the Chase National Bank told stockholders Jan. 15 that the tax burden is "so heavy as to be almost confiscatory." In 1951 Chase earned \$2.91 per share against \$2.83 in 1950 and \$2.63 in 1949, when taxes were much lower. But Chase officials nevertheless said they can't attract new capital.

The same day the Chase officials sounded off, the Journal of Commerce headlined its account of stockholders' meetings: "Bank Holders Get Cheerful Earful on '52 Outlook."

In Washington, the Riggs National Bank reported net income at \$1,896,123, against \$1,121,942 in 1950, despite a tax increase of 66 per cent.

Do something for your union, regularly, no matter how small.



## Labor Not Getting A Just Share in Production Gains

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### UNDULY RESTRICTIVE

"Many of the wage regulations and policy resolutions are unduly restrictive of collective bargaining," said the council.

"A realistic stabilization program cannot be formulated under the present Defense Production Act," said the council. It was inadequate when first adopted in Sept. 1951, and further weakened by the 82d Congress.

"The council calls attention to the fact that wage regulations, once adopted, have remained unchanged, although price controls have been seriously undermined as a result of changes in the law. Proof is in the continuing rise in the cost of living."

The council urged that the WSB adopt the resolution introduced by its AFL members which "would permit wage increases to compensate workers for their part in stimulating production."

"Such a policy," said the council, "is necessary to supplement the present cost of living policy of the board."

"The policy does not provide for increases in real wages. It does not guarantee that the worker can even maintain his former standard of living in the face of increasing taxes and other burdens of the defense economy."

### PRESSURING BOARD

The council assailed big business for attempts to veto WSB consideration of dispute cases in which the union shop is an issue.

"There is evidence," it said, "of increasing activity by employer organizations to pressure the board into prejudging labor's case."

"This is clearly manifested in the union shop issue, which is before the board in several critical dispute cases."

"It is startling to observe in the year 1952, the vicious attacks against government recognition of even the limited kind of union security embodied in the demand for a union shop in an organized plant."

"Even the infamous Taft-Hartley Act recognized its need."

"The AFL is opposed to reactionary elements in industry taking advantage of labor's willingness to maintain uninterrupted production at the request of the government, by putting pressure on that same government to foreclose benefits which labor would normally obtain through collective bargaining, if permitted to exert its economic strength."

"Labor will not attempt to make its case by drowning the board in a flood of artificially inspired telegrams, or by similar pressure moves. We will present our case to the board itself, and will expect fair and equitable consideration for our demands."

### URGE BUDGET APPROVAL

"We ask for no more. We will take no less."

The council declared it was aware of the sincere efforts of the WSB to formulate "fair and equitable wage policies," but it had the objections stated.

Contribution of AFL members of the board was particularly praised. They include William C. Birthright, president of the Barbers, and Harry C. Bates, president of the Bricklayers, and Walker.

It also knew that the WSB was seriously handicapped in processing cases because of inadequate budget, and it urged the Congress to approve the necessary budget to insure expeditious processing of cases, many of which affect workers in vital defense industries."

### Atomic Dust

In Rochester, N. Y., workers in a photographic paper-coating plant were forced out of work because of an explosion more than 1000 miles away in Nevada. Radioactive dust from an atomic test explosion in the Nevada deserts floated all the way to Rochester and entered the plant's air-conditioning system. Photographic paper was ruined because the atomic particles had the same effect on the paper as light.

## WKRS., CONSUMERS NEED HELP NOW

Miami, Fla.—The consumer and the worker must be protected in the expansion of the defense program, the AFL Executive Council declared in a special statement.

To this end, the council asked for a special Civilian Board on Military Requirements and Allocations, to be set up within the Dept. of Defense.

The council said that the board should include civilian experts from business and labor, "who would have the job of making sure that the military requests are confined to materials actually needed to accomplish the accepted military objectives."

The move was declared necessary because the defense program has now progressed to the point where "the civilian economy will feel a real pinch. These cutbacks mean deprivation for consumers and their families of essential goods and services, such as lack of schools for their children, deferment of plans for improved housing, and fewer refrigerators, stoves, and other essential civilian products."

"Also, where reductions in civilian output are not dovetailed with expanding defense production, workers will face serious threat of unemployment."

The council pointed out that the worker is willing to make all necessary sacrifices to sustain the defense effort. However, "maintenance of the civilian economy at the highest level consistent with defense needs and maximum use of the skills of the working force are essential for the success of the defense program itself."

The council said, in effect, that when workers are left jobless, the maximum productive effort cannot be expected.

First effect of cutbacks should be on non-essential items such as luxury housing and luxury automobiles, said the council. Allocations also should not be increased for those industries "able to bring powerful political pressure."

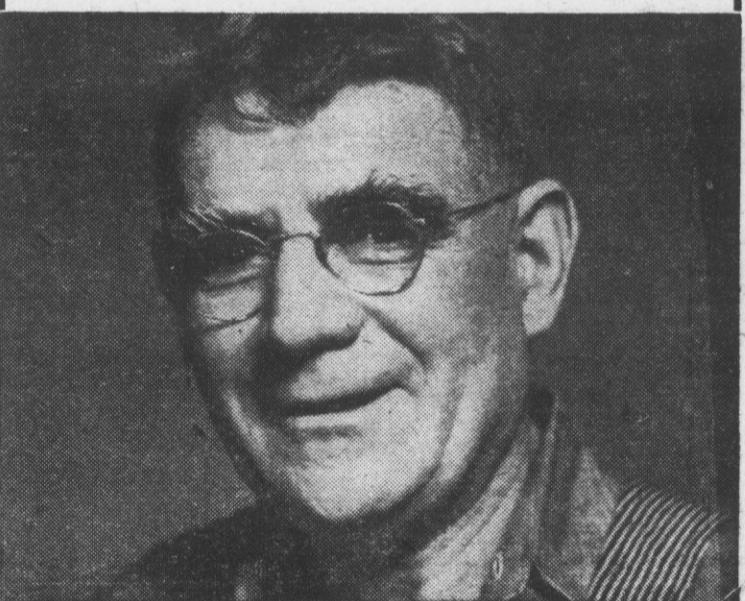
Bloated military requests should be deflated, so that military needs are filled only insofar as required to meet accepted objectives.

Defense production should be distributed around the country, to prevent serious unemployment in any area.

Tulsa, Okla. (LPA)—Y. S. Coley, vice president of Machinists Lodge 457, has become a member of the labor-management manpower committee here, representing railroad labor.

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